

**Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Position Description
Petrified Forest National Park**

Job Title: Teacher-Ranger

Name of Teacher:

Dates of Position: June 9-August 1, 2008

Supervisor: Marge Post, Education Specialist

Location: Throughout the park with opportunities to travel outside the park, visiting schools and universities.

Description of Duties: The teacher will assist the Education Specialist in the research and development of specific curriculum-based materials. He/she will also have the opportunity to review and evaluate existing materials and provide feedback for improvement. The teacher may work directly with students and/or educators and may visit schools and universities with the Education Specialist. The teacher will also spend 50% of time working regular interpretation shifts throughout the park, with opportunities to shadow operations within other divisions.

Benefits to Teacher: Provides the teacher with an opportunity to understand the function of the National Park Service in the preservation of natural and cultural resources and its role in education and interpretation of these resources, with specific emphasis on the resources within Petrified Forest National Park. The teacher will also have the opportunity to research and develop materials, lesson plans, and other educational resources that will be used by the park within its education program and the teacher in his/her classroom. The teacher may also foster professional connections within the local education community.

Goal/Outcome of Job: Contribution to education program through research and development of materials and/or evaluation of existing program components. An understanding of the mission of the National Park Service and Petrified Forest National Park passed on to the teacher and thus to his/her students and fellow educators.

Knowledge/Skill/Experience Desired: Experience in developing curriculum-based materials is extremely helpful. The ability to use word processing software and to research information using the internet and other technologies is also extremely helpful. Knowledge of park resources is desirable, for example an understanding of geology, paleontology, and archeology would be extremely helpful.

Special Requirements: For outdoor work the teacher should be in good physical health. Potential hazards include a climate that is hot/dry/windy in the summer and cold/dry/windy in the winter, zoonotic diseases, poisonous plants and animals, and unstable surfaces. The teacher may be required to carry equipment and supplies over rough terrain. Excellent driving skills and a valid state driver's license are required to operate a government vehicle. Travel is required throughout the park and possibly to locations outside the park boundaries, including but not limited to schools and universities.

I understand the above position description:

Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____